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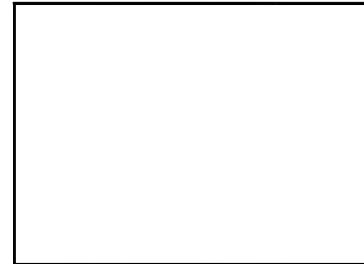
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Miscellaneous Observations in Krakow

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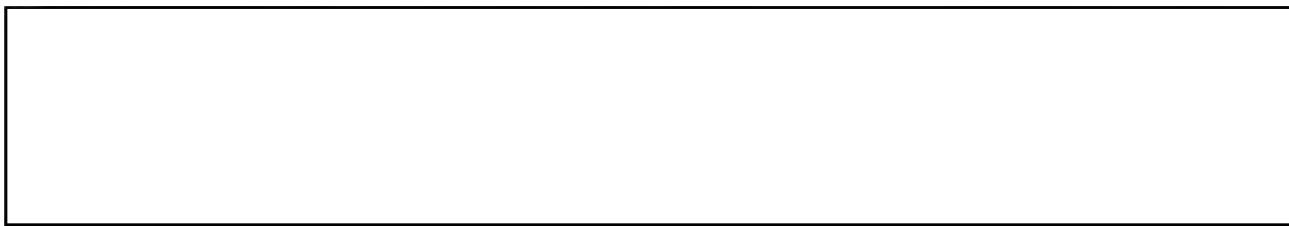
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1. [REDACTED] in the Middle School in Krakow, 25X1
the peace propaganda by which the students were indoctrinated is very 25X1
intensive. On May Day 1951, all teachers and students were required to 25X1
attend a propaganda play, in which Winston Churchill was characterized as 25X1
an ape and "appropriate" designations given other leading politicians. 25X1

2. Although all the teachers in the Middle School were outwardly pro-Communist, 25X1
it was difficult at times for them to talk with the parents of the children. 25X1
On one occasion, a teacher called a child a "Bolshevik" for some work that 25X1
he had done at school. The next day the child's mother confronted the teacher 25X1
and stated that her boy was a good boy and not a Bolshevik. Only after 25X1
lengthy explanations could the teacher explain that she had complimented the 25X1
child not criticized him. [REDACTED] it is also possible to read into the 25X1
incident the traditional Polish-Russian antagonism, because the teacher was 25X1
dismissed after this incident. [REDACTED]

3. In August 1951, the people were still looking with contempt on the attempts 25X1
to establish a national Catholic Church. Although some priests were 25X1
cooperating with the State church, the people still believed them to be anti- 25X1
Communistic. However, the people did not have enough confidence to "go to 25X1
Confession" to these priests if their confession concerned any topic which 25X1
the regime could use against them. [REDACTED] all priests are considered 25X1
a center of resistance by the population. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

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6. The anti-US propaganda was so absurd to the Polish people that it was entirely ineffective. The population often suggested that exiles should be sent to the US to "live in caves" rather than be sent to Siberia. In Polish the words for "peace" and for some weapons sound very similar, and the Polish people would often joke about "peace propaganda" and the munitions that Poland was allegedly making for the USSR. [redacted] comment: It appears that the pun referred to is similar to the English play on words between "peace" and "picnic" meaning weapon. Another factor that defeated anti-US propaganda was the fact that [redacted] most [redacted] listened to the VOA when it was not jammed. Anyone who wanted to listen could have access to a radio. [redacted] never heard of anyone imprisoned or fined for listening to VOA.

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7.

25X1 According to the industrial plan for Krakow, a new section called Nowa Huta was to be industrialized. This section is surrounded by the sections Podhaze, Mogita and Batowice, and it is between Krakow and Mydlniki on the road to Zabierzow. [redacted]

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8.

25X1 Krakow could a transient find a place to live unless he stayed with a friend in a private home. Since nationalization of industry has occurred, there is no need for any Pole to travel- there are no private hotels. There are business hotels, hotels for children, and hotels for members of the Communist Party, but one must have the proper documentation and reason for going to these hotels. All merchant hotels have been taken by the government. It is impossible to present any system for the numbering of houses in Krakow although most of the houses are attached in a row and numbers of corresponding houses on parallel streets are fairly similar.

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9.

25X1 [redacted] no restriction on electricity, water, or gas. A telephone was extremely difficult to obtain. Often the police placed a stranger in a home to live. This individual was always considered an informer and he usually disturbed the family life. [redacted]

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Polish medicines were very poor, and US medicines were preferred.

[redacted] Censorship of foreign mail was frequent,

and practically complete - if a letter was opened, a statement often appeared

from the censor that the letter had been censored in the US, or the letter was

not properly sealed, or the glue on US envelopes was of extremely low quality.

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[redacted] The station for the Security Police (UB) is located on Sienkiewicza opposite number [redacted] This building was formerly the Gestapo headquarters. [redacted] the UB officers are better paid, have better food, and have their own better stores as compared to the regular police in Krakow. The regular police station is located on Siemiradzkiego in the middle of the block between Lenartowicza and Karmelika. [redacted]

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Enclosure (A): Diagram showing the location of the security police station and regular police station in Krakow.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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Diagram Showing the Location of the Security Police Station
and Regular Police Station in Krakow



Map Employed: Szczegótnowy plan

KRAKOWA

Z przyległymi gminami

stan z 1947 roku

a-UB (Security Police)

Hq's.

b. Regular police hq's.

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